| Name of State/UT | Retail Outlets | LPG Distributorships |
|---|---|---|
| Assam | 04 | 21 |
| Bihar | 50 | 26 |
| Chhattisgarh | 06 | 10 |
| Delhi | 26 | 04 |
| Goa | 01 | 12 |
| Gujarat | 28 | 40 |
| Haryana | 61 | 33 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 20 | 26 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 05 | 13 |
| Jharkhand | 13 | 08 |
| Karnataka | 41 | 100 |
| Kerala | 43 | 39 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 43 | 117 |
| Maharashtra | 40 | 37 |
| Manipur | 02 | 06 |
| Meghalaya | 06 | 08 |
| Mizoram | 01 | 04 |
| Nagaland | 03 | 03 |
| Orissa | 42 | 27 |
| Punjab | 54 | 74 |
| Rajasthan | 100 | 66 |
| Tamil Nadu | 72 | 99 |
| Tripura | 00 | 04 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 119 | 77 |
| Uttranchal | 21 | 06 |
| West Bengal | 52 | 32 |
| Sikkim | 02 | 00 |

**Supply of underweight LPG cylinders**

268. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that LPG consumers in the country are being duped by distributors by supplying underweight cylinders as the seal of the cylinders are not tamper proof;

(b if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure tamper proof seals on LPG cylinders by the Oil Companies so that consumers are not duped by dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies carry out 100 per cent re-checking of weight on a check scale after the cylinders are filled on carousel. Before delivery and loading in truck, filled cylinders are again subjected to statistical quality control to ensure that only cylinders of correct quality and quantity reach the distributors. LPG distributors are also under instructions to check every cylinder for soundness/ correct weight before delivering to consumers. Inspite of above measures, if any underweight cylinder is supplied to the consumers, the same is replaced free of cost immediately when brought to the notice of the LPG distributor/ company.

(c) There is limitation in providing tamper proof seals on LPG cylinders, as the sealing equipment has to be heat/spark proof. The improvement in sealing of LPG cylinders is a continous process and further development is taken up in consultation with LPG Equipment Research Centre (LERC), Bangalore.

**Targeted dealership in Uttar Pradesh**

†269. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number for which target has been fixed for dealership/distributorship in Uttar Pradesh during 2000-2001;

(b) the number of interviews held by Uttar Pradesh Dealer Selection Board for dealership so far; and

(c) the number of dealers belonging to Scheduled Caste out of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The setting up of dealerships of Petroleum Products is a continuous process and hence it is not possible to fix a target for the same in a given year.

(b) and (c) Consequent to formation of new Dealer Selection Boards in U.P. by the Government, the details of interviews held for selection of Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships in U.P. are as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.